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Chairman Michael K. Powell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Powell,

I was happy to see the FCC approve Microsoft's WMDRM technology for use with the broadcast flag.

As you can appreciate, there has been substantial work done on both the part of the FCC to understand and on our part to demonstrate how computers and related devices can securely protect digital video content. The FCC's decision will have a far-reaching impact as it enables Microsoft as well as our wide variety of partners to deliver products with varying features which we believe consumers will find interesting and useful in meeting their digital video content needs. With this decision behind us, we are working to ensure that DTV-enabled Media Center Edition PCs, Media Center Extenders, and Portable Media Center devices are available to consumers in 2005.

I certainly appreciate your leadership on this issue. Thank you for all your hard work.

Best Regards,



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